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SUBJECT: INTERVIEW WITH CHANCELLOR BRANDT

SUMMARY: DURING JULY 22 INTERVIEW ON SECOND GERMAN TV CHANNEL, CHANCELLOR BRANDT EMPHASIZED HIS CONVICTION CONCERNING US FIDELITY TO ALLIANCE COMMITMENTS, BRANDED EUROPEAN NUCLEAR FORCE A "VERY THEORETICAL QUESTION" AND STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTAINING "EUROPEAN UNION" BY 1980. ON THE ECONOMIC SIDE, BRANDT UNDERSCORED THE URGENCY OF REFORM OF WORLD MONETARY SYSTEM, SAID US MUST ITSELF RESOLVE DOLLAR CRISIS, THOUGHT TRADE DIFFERENCES WOULD BECOME "A LITTLE HARDER...BUT UNCLASSIFIED

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NOT LEAD TO A TRADE WAR" AND PLEDGED TO CONTINUE

ECONOMIC STABILITY POLICY WHILE WORKING FOR FAVORABLE
EMPLOYMENT SITUATION. END SUMMARY.

1. US AND THE ALLIANCE. MOST JULY 23 GERMAN NEWSPAPERS
HEADLINED BRANDT'S STATEMENT THAT A NEW NATO STRATEGY
IS NOT NECESSARY AS THE CHANCELLOR IS CONVINCED OF US
FIDELITY TO THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE. SAYING THAT
RECENT VISITS TO WASHINGTON OF SCHEEL AND LEBER HAVE
BEEN EXTREMELY USEFUL, BRANDT BRUSHED ASIDE THE
REPORTERS' SKEPTICISM CONCERNING US/SOVIET AGREEMENT ON
THE PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR AND SAID US JOINT
NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL ROLE IN NATO WAS
"IRREPLACEABLE". BRANDT ALSO SAID THAT "THE EUROPEANS
INSIDE THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE MUST BE STILL MORE
CONSCIOUS OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY"; HE SAID THIS DID
"NOT NECESSARILY MEAN AN INCREASE IN ARMS BUT
CERTAINLY MEANT NO REDUCTION IN CURRENT DEFENSE
SPENDING". BRANDT WARNED AGAINST RASH REDUCTIONS IN
DEFENSE EFFORTS AS A RESULT OF WISHFUL THINKING OVER
MBFR, THE RESULTS OF WHICH LAY IN THE FUTURE.

2. NUCLEAR COOPERATION. BRANDT TERMED REPORTERS'
QUESTIONS ON POSSIBLE ANGLO-FRENCH COOPERATION
"THEORETICAL", SAYING HE "COULD NOT IMAGINE THE
CREATION OF SUCH A EUROPEAN NUCLEAR POWER WITHOUT
HAVING A EUROPEAN GOVERNMENT" TO CONTROL IT.

3. SECURITY TALKS. NOTING THAT "BILATERAL PHASE OF
OSTPOLITIK" WAS COMING TO AN END AND THAT MULTILATERAL
PHASE HAD ALREADY BEGUN AT HELSINKI, BRANDT SAID
"THE LAST FEW YEARS HAVE BROUGHT MORE MOVEMENT THAN
ONE COULD HAVE EXPECTED BUT NOTHING BASIC HAS CHANGED
AND NOTHING COULD OR WILL CHANGE IN THE BASIC CONTRAST
BETWEEN COMMUNIST AND DEMOCRATIC STATES". THE QUESTION
ONLY IS, ADDED THE CHANCELLOR, "HOW WITHOUT DISTURBING
THESE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CONTRASTS, MORE EXCHANGES
IN THE ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND PARTICULARLY THE HUMAN
CONTACT FIELDS CAN DEVELOP".

4. EUROPEAN UNION. BRANDT SAID HE SAW EVENTUAL
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EUROPEAN UNION AS AN OVERALLCONCEPT WHICH WOULD
INCLUDE ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION, POLITICAL
COOPERATION AND ALSO "DEFENSE/POLITICAL COMPONENTS
INSIDE THE EUROPEAN...INSIDE THE ATLANTIC AREA".
BRANDT SAID "WE MUST SEEK TO GO AS FAR AS POSSIBLE BY
1980..AS THERE IS NO TIME TO BE LOST". HE
ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE SECOND PHASE OF EMU WOULD NOT
START AT THE BEGINNING OF 1974 AS FORESEEN, BUT ONE

COULD HAVE A SECOND PHASE OF CONSOLIDATION.
CONTINUING, BRANDT SAID HE WOULD PRESS STRONGLY
TO ASSURE ADHERENCE TO 1980 TIMETABLE FOR EUROPEAN
UNION AND DEVELOPMENT OF PLAN FOR EMU

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STEPS TO BE TAKEN BETWEEN 1975 AND 1980.

5. DOLLAR CRISIS AND MONETARY REFORM. ASKED WHAT EUROPE COULD DO TO OVERCOME THE DOLLAR CRISIS, BRANDT SAID: QUOTE EUROPE CANNOT TAKE OVER EFFORTS FROM THE AMERICANS WHICH THE AMERICANS THEMSELVES MUST MAKE... AND THEY MUST AND PROBABLY WILL DO SOMETHING. DESPITE ALL THE BURDENS OF THIS YEAR AND ABOVE ALL IN THE LAST MONTHS, I STILL HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO SUCCEED IN THE COURSE OF THE COMING YEAR OR IN THE YEAR 1974/75 IN COMING TO THE URGENTLY NEEDED REFORM
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OF THE WORLD MONETARY SYSTEM. NOT THE SYSTEM THAT WAS FIXED AT THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR--THAT WON'T WORK. IN THE MEANTIME, THE EUROPEANS...MUST WORK ENERGETICALLY TO MOVE TOWARD A COMMON MONETARY POLICY.
END QUOTE.

6. US/EC TRADE RELATIONS. IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION, BRANDT SAID HE DID NOT FEAR A US/EUROPEAN TRADE WAR BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT "IT WILL BECOME, HERE AND THERE, A LITTLE HARDER" BETWEEN THE US AND EC. BRANDT SAID THE AMERICANS WILL SEEK TO ARRIVE AT "BETTER COMPETITIVE CONDITIONS" AND NOTED "CONFLICTS WHICH WE HAD RECENTLY OVER AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO EUROPE". BUT IN CONTRAST TO PROSPECTS FOR A TRADE WAR, THE CHANCELLOR REFERRED TO CURRENT TALKS BETWEEN WEST EUROPE AND THE US AND BOTH SIDES AND JAPAN AND SAID "WE MUST WORK TO ARRIVE AT POSITIVE ANSWERS TO ECONOMIC AND TRADE POLICY ALONG WITH SECURITY QUESTIONS".

7. DOMESTIC ECONOMIC POLICY. NOTING THE MONETARY SITUATION AND THE "SWEEPING RISE IN WORLD RAW MATERIAL PRICES"--NOT ONLY OIL--BRANDT SAID "WE WILL STICK WITH OUR STABILITY POLICY AND I HOPE STRONGLY THAT THE WAGE PARTNERS (EMPLOYERS AND UNIONS) WILL NOT LET US DOWN AS THEY WOULD THEN LET THEMSELVES DOWN". ON THE OTHER HAND, BRANDT ALSO SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD DO ITS BEST TO AVOID AN UNDULY UNFAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION. BUT BRANDT ADDED THAT STABILITY POLICY CANNOT BE CARRIED OUT "IF NO ONE IS TO SUFFER".

8. POLITICAL RADICALISM. ASKED REGARDING FRG INTERNAL SECURITY, BRANDT SAID "THERE IS NO PATENT MEDICINE THESE DAYS AGAINST EXTREME RADICALISM AND AGAINST THE INCLINATION TO USE FORCE". HE SAID GERMANY IS NOT DOING SO BADLY COMPARED TO OTHER COUNTRIES SUCH AS ITALY, THE NETHERLANDS AND THE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES.

BUT THE CHANCELLOR ADDED THAT "THE FRG BASIC LAW...
IS SOMETHING THAT MUST BE VIGOROUSLY DEFENDED".

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